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OFFICIAL HAS INDICATED TO US HIS INTEREST IN PURCHASING EQUIPMENT IN THESE AREAS. AMERICAN FIRMS HAVE SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENSES FOR ITEMS IN THESE AREAS OR HAVE TALKED WITH US ABOUT THEIR EXPORT TO EGYPT. THERE FOLLOWS AN ENUMERATION OF THE FIVE AREAS. (FOR BACKGROUND, WE HAVE ALSO OUTLINED INFORMATION FROM OUR FILES ABOUT THE ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT THEMSELVES, THE STATUS OF THE REQUEST WHERE APPLICABLE AND THE NAMES OF THE COMPANIES THAT MANUFACTURE THESE ITEMS AND HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST IN SELLING THEM TO EGYPT).

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